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In re Patent Application of )  
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Application No.: (unassigned) ) Examiner: (unassigned)  
Filed: August 28, 2001 )  
For: A LIQUID CRYSTAL DEVICE AND )  
A LIQUID CRYSTAL MATERIAL )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified Application, filed concurrently herewith, as indicated.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly replace dependent Claim 17 as follows:

17. (Amended) A liquid crystal device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising means for applying an electric field over said AFLC material, the liquid crystal device thereby being an electrooptic liquid crystal device, wherein said AFLC material being uniaxial negative in a zero-field state (E=0).

**REMARKS**

The present amendment modifies the form only of Claim 17 so as to eliminate the use of multiple dependency.

The examination and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Attachment to Preliminary Amendment dated August 28, 2001**

**Marked-up Claim 17**

17. (Amended) A liquid crystal device as claimed in claim 1 [any of the preceding claims], further comprising means for applying an electric field over said AFLC material, the liquid crystal device thereby being an electrooptic liquid crystal device, wherein said AFLC material being uniaxial negative in a zero-field state (E=0).